

the potential value of providing pharmaceutical assistance coverage to low-income seniors; and * * *

POM-250. A resolution adopted by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania relative to the Veterans Health Care Funding Guarantee Act of 2003; to the Committee on Finance.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 312

Whereas, funding for Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) health care under the Federal budget is discretionary and it is within the discretion of the Congress of the United States to determine how much money is allocated each year for veterans' medical care; and

Whereas, Section 1710(a) of Title 38 of the United States Code provides that the Secretary of Veterans Affairs "shall" furnish hospital care and medical services, but only to the extent Congress has provided money to cover the costs of the care; and

Whereas, the Disabled American Veterans (DAV) firmly believes that service-connected disabled veterans have earned the right to VA medical care through their extraordinary sacrifices and services to this nation; and

Whereas, the American Legion, AMVETS, Disabled American Veterans, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Paralyzed Veterans and other service organizations have fought for sufficient funding for VA health care and a budget that reflects the rising cost of health care and the increasing need for medical services; and

Whereas, the VA is unable to provide timely access to quality health care to many of our nation's most severely disabled service-connected veterans; and

Whereas, making veterans health care funding mandatory would ensure that the Federal Government meets its obligation to provide health care to service-connected disabled veterans and that all veterans eligible for the VA health care system have access to timely, quality health care; and

Whereas, making veterans health care funding mandatory would eliminate the year-to-year uncertainty about funding levels which has prevented the VA from being able to adequately plan for and meet the growing needs of veterans seeking treatment; and

Whereas, including all veterans for care in the mandatory health care funding proposal protects the overall viability of the system and the specialized programs to the VA has developed to improve the health and well-being of our nation's service-connected disabled veterans: Therefore be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania urge Congress to take all the necessary steps to enact into law the Veterans Health Care Funding Guarantee Act of 2003, and make veterans health care mandatory to ensure that veterans have access to timely, quality health care; and be it further

Resolved, that copies of this resolution be transmitted to the presiding officers of each house of Congress and to each member of Congress from Pennsylvania.

POM-251. A joint resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Maine relative to the Federal Clean Air Act; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

JOINT RESOLUTION

We, your Memorialists, the Members of the One Hundred and Twentieth Legislature of the State of Maine now assembled in the Second Regular Session, most respectfully present and petition the President of the United States and Congress, as follows:

Whereas, Section 111 of the Federal Clean Air Act requires the adoption of Federal

standards, known as new source review, reflecting the best available control technology for facilities that cause or contribute significantly to air pollution that may endanger public health and welfare; and

Whereas, the United States Environmental Protection Agency adopted such standards of performance for the construction or modification of power plants; and

Whereas, litigation against power plant owners for violations of new source review is being actively pursued; and

Whereas, the current Federal administration is reportedly considering modifications of the new source review program; and

Whereas, acid rain, which is damaging sensitive ecosystems, has been attributed to emissions from coal-burning plants in the Midwest and the Mid-Atlantic states and, to a lesser extent, in New England; and

Whereas, scientific research has established a well-defined link between power plant air emissions and human health effects, including exacerbation of symptoms for those with asthma, increased risk of heart attacks for those with heart disease and increased risk of lung cancer and premature death: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That We, your Memorialists, urge President George W. Bush and the United States Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Christie Whitman to maintain the existing regulations on new source review; and be it further

Resolved, That We, your Memorialists, urge Congress to take appropriate action against any decision made by the United States Environmental Protection Agency to modify the regulations implementing Section 111 of the Federal Clean Air Act if the result would be to jeopardize Maine's ability to safeguard public health and protect environmental quality; and be it further

Resolved, That suitable copies of this resolution, duly authenticated by the Secretary of State, be transmitted to the President of the United States, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, Administrator Christie Whitman and each member of the Maine Congressional Delegation.

POM-252. A resolution adopted by the Senate of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania relative to biological invasions by nonnative species; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

SENATE RESOLUTION

Whereas, biological invasions by nonnative species are a national problem, pose significant threats to Pennsylvania's ecosystems and economy, severely impact vital Commonwealth interest, including agriculture, forestry, recreation and tourism, and may be detrimental to public health and safety; and

Whereas, discharge of ballast water from ships is a primary vector for introduction of nonnative species into Commonwealth habitats; and

Whereas, Pennsylvania's watershed basins for the Great Lakes, the Delaware, Susquehanna, Ohio and Potomac rivers and other pathways of commerce and recreation have a major role in introducing nonnative species; and

Whereas, Pennsylvania's natural resources provide exceptional quality of life and economic prosperity to the citizens of this Commonwealth; and

Whereas, Great Lakes and Chesapeake Bay intergovernmental task forces have recommended actions to prevent and control biological invasions; and

Whereas, Section 27 of Article I of the Constitution of Pennsylvania establishes the Commonwealth as trustee of Pennsylvania's public natural resources: Therefore be it

Resolved, That the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania memorialize the Congress of the United States to enact legislation that would coordinate Federal and regional actions to prevent and control biological pollution, particularly through management of ballast water discharges, elimination of unintentional introductions of nonnative invasive species and reduction of the dispersal of nonnative species within Pennsylvania's ecosystems through the development of timely, effective, scientifically based, environmentally sound and economically viable management programs; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the presiding officers of each house of Congress and to each member of Congress from Pennsylvania.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 318

Whereas, identification fraud is becoming one of the fastest-growing crimes in the United States; and

Whereas, identification fraud will cost financial companies \$4.2 billion this year and \$8 billion by 2006 according to the market research firm Financial Insights; and

Whereas, more than 750,000 Americans were affected by identification fraud in 2001; and

Whereas, identification fraud increased by 23% from 2000 to 2001; and

Whereas, identification fraud through the use of change of address forms is a common trend in crimes of identification fraud; and

Whereas, identification fraud security measures taken by the United States Postal Service would significantly decrease the * * *

POM-254. A resolution adopted by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania relative to the Carl L. Perkins Vocational and Technical Education Act; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

Whereas, the Carl D. Perkins Vocational and Technical Education Act is scheduled for reauthorization this year; and

Whereas, in fiscal year 2002, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania received nearly \$52 million for its allocation under the Perkins Act; and

Whereas, Perkins Act moneys were used to provide Pennsylvania career and technical education students, including those with special needs, with high-quality career and technical education programs at the secondary, adult and postsecondary levels; and

Whereas, under the current Perkins Act, Pennsylvania students * * *

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Ms. COLLINS, from the Committee on Governmental Affairs, without amendment:

S. 589. A bill to strengthen and improve the management of national security, encourage Government service in areas of critical national security, and to assist government agencies in addressing deficiencies in personnel possessing specialized skills important to national security and incorporating the goals and strategies for recruitment and retention for such skilled personnel into the strategic and performance management systems of Federal agencies (Rept. No. 108-119).

By Mr. MCCAIN, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, with amendments and an amendment to the title:

S. 1244. A bill to authorize appropriations for the Federal Maritime Commission for fiscal years 2004 and 2005 (Rept. No. 108-120).

By Mr. COCHRAN, from the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute and an amendment to the title:

H.R. 1904. A bill to improve the capacity of the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of the Interior to plan and conduct hazardous fuels reduction projects on National Forest System lands and Bureau of Land Management lands aimed at protecting communities, watersheds, and certain other at-risk lands from catastrophic wildfire, to enhance efforts to protect watersheds and address threats to forest and rangeland health, including catastrophic wildfire, across the landscape, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 108-121).

By Mr. GREGG, from the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 1053. A bill to prohibit discrimination on the basis of genetic information with respect to health insurance and employment (Rept. No. 108-122).

By Mr. HATCH, from the Committee on the Judiciary:

Report to accompany S. 274, a bill to amend the procedures that apply to consideration of interstate class actions to assure fairer outcomes for class members and defendants, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 108-123).

By Mr. HATCH, from the Committee on the Judiciary, without amendment and with a preamble:

S. Res. 30. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that the President should designate the week beginning September 14, 2003, as "National Historically Black Colleges and Universities Week".

S. Res. 204. A resolution designating the week of November 9 through November 15, 2003, as "National Veterans Awareness Week" to emphasize the need to develop educational programs regarding the contributions of veterans to the country.

By Mr. HATCH, from the Committee on the Judiciary, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute and an amendment to the title:

S. 1177. A bill to ensure the collection of all cigarette taxes, and for other purposes.

By Mr. HATCH, from the Committee on the Judiciary, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute and with a preamble:

S. Con. Res. 25. A concurrent resolution recognizing and honoring America's Jewish community on the occasion of its 350th anniversary, supporting the designation of an "American Jewish History Month", and for other purposes.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. GRASSLEY for the Committee on Finance.

*Josette Sheeran Shiner, of Virginia, to be a Deputy United States Trade Representative, with the rank of Ambassador.

*James J. Jochum, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Commerce.

*Robert Stanley Nichols, of Washington, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury.

By Mr. HATCH for the Committee on the Judiciary.

Sandra J. Feuerstein, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of New York.

Richard J. Holwell, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York.

Steven M. Colloton, of Iowa, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Eighth Circuit.

Stephen C. Robinson, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York.

P. Kevin Castel, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York.

R. David Proctor, of Alabama, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Alabama.

Rene Acosta, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Attorney General.

Daniel J. Bryant, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Attorney General.

Paul Michael Warner, of Utah, to be United States Attorney for the District of Utah for the term of four years.

*Nomination was reported with recommendation that it be confirmed subject to the nominee's commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.

(Nominations without an asterisk were reported with the recommendation that they be confirmed.)

NOMINATIONS DISCHARGED

On request by Mr. SUNUNU and by unanimous consent, it was

Ordered, That the following nominations be discharged from the Committee on Foreign Relations:

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Donald K. Steinberg, of California, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

The following is a list of all members of my immediate family and their spouses. I have asked each of these persons to inform me of the pertinent contributions made by them. To the best of my knowledge, the information contained in this report is complete and accurate.

Nominee: Donald Kenneth Steinberg.

Post: Nigeria.

Contributions:

1. Self, Donald Kenneth Steinberg, none.

2. Spouse, Raquel Willerman, none.

3. Children/spouses, none.

Parents, Beatrice Blass Steinberg, none. Warren Linnington Steinberg, as below.

Donee, date, amount:

DSCC, 1/24/99, \$20; Kennedy for Senate, 1/24/99, \$15; California Democratic Committee, 1/24/99, \$20; Hillary Clinton for Senate, 2/27/99, \$20; California Democratic Committee, 6/3/99, \$10; DCCC, 6/27/99, \$15; DSCC, 7/1/99, \$15; DNC, 7/17/99, \$15; DCCC, 1/19/99, \$20; Natl Committee for an Effective Congress, 7/27/99, \$20; DNC, 8/1/99, \$10; Democrats 2000, 8/1/99, \$10; Feinstein for Senate, 9/19/99, \$15; DSCC, 12/12/99, \$20; DCCC, 12/31/99, \$15; DSCC, 12/31/99, \$15; Kennedy for Senate, 12/31/99, \$15; Carnahan for Senate, 12/31/99, \$15; Kennedy for Senate, 2/14/00, \$10; McCarthy for Congress, 2/26/00, \$10; Schiff for Congress, 4/17/00, \$15; Natl Committee for an Effective Congress, 5/15/00, \$25; DSCC, 5/18/00, \$20; Democrats 2000, 5/19/00, \$15; Feinstein for Senate, 5/24/00, \$10; Democrats 2000, 5/29/00, \$10; DCCC, 6/10/00, \$20; Democrats 2000, 6/16/00, \$15; DCCC, 8/21/00, \$10; Schiff for Congress, 8/21/00, \$15; DNC, 8/21/00, \$10; Feinstein for Senate, 8/24/00, \$10; DNC, 8/27/00, \$20; DSCC, 8/29/00, \$20; Natl Committee for an Effective Congress, 8/29/00, \$20; DNC, 9/8/00, \$15; DNC, 9/16/00, \$10; Gephardt for Congress, 9/16/00, \$15; Schiff for Congress, 10/6/00, \$10; DNC, 10/6/00, \$10; DCCC, 10/6/00, \$10; Carnahan for Senate, 10/6/00, \$10; Kerry for Senate, 10/7/00, \$10; Schiff for Congress, 10/21/00, \$10; Democrats 2000, 10/21/00, \$15; Carnahan for Senate, 12/31/00, \$15; California Democratic Victory Fund, 12/31/00, \$15; Natl Committee for an Effective Congress, 2/20/01, \$15; Democratic Majority, 2/20/01, \$15; DNC, 2/27/01, \$15; DCCC, 2/28/01, \$15; Democrat 2000, 2/28/01, \$15; Wellstone for Senate, 5/14/01, \$10; Carnahan for Senate, 5/27/01, \$10; 21st Century Democrats, 6/10/01, \$15; DSCC, 7/7/01, \$20; Kerry for Senate, 7/7/01, \$15; DNC, 8/16/01, \$15; Natl Committee for an Effective Congress, 9/9/01, \$15; Wellstone for Senate, 9/9/01, \$15; DSCC, 9/9/01, \$15; Kerry for Senate, 9/9/01, \$15; DSCC, 10/26/01, \$15; DNC, 10/26/01, \$15; Democratic Victory Fund, 10/26/01, \$15; Feingold for Senate, 11/28/01, \$10; Gephardt for Congress, 11/28/01, \$10; Wellstone for Senate, 12/12/01, \$15; Kerry for Senate, 12/13/01, \$15; DSCC, 1/15/02, \$15; DNC, 3/10/02, \$20; Kerry for Senate, 3/18/02, \$10; Barbara Boxer, 4/18/02, \$15; Gephardt for Congress, 9/1/02, \$15; DNC, 9/8/02, \$20; DSCC, 9/8/02, \$20; Feingold for Senate, 9/8/02, \$15; 21st Century Democrats, 9/8/02, \$15; DCCC, 9/8/02, \$20; Natl Committee for an Effective Congress, 10/8/02, \$15.

5. Grandparents, all deceased.

6. Brothers and spouses, James Robert Steinberg, none; Leigh William Steinberg, as below.

Donee, date, amount:

Democratic Foundation of Orange County, 2/5/99, \$1,000; Bill Bradley for President Inc., 9/30/99, \$1,000; California Victory 2000, 12/14/99, \$10,000; includes DSCC, 12/14/99, \$8,000; Feinstein 2000, 12/14/99, \$1,000; Feinstein 2000, 12/14/99, \$1,000; Committee to Re-Elect Loretta Sanchez, 2/16/00, \$500; Erin Gruwell for Congress, 3/1/00, \$1,000; Schiff for Congress, 3/2/00, \$1,000; Committee to Re-Elect Loretta Sanchez, 5/22/00, \$1,000; Schiff for Congress, 5/31/00, \$1,000; DNC—Non-Federal Individual, 7/11/00, \$10,000; DNC—Non-Federal Individual, 7/11/00, \$15,000; DNC—Non-Federal Individual, 8/17/00, \$22,500; DNC—Services Corporation, 8/17/00, \$10,000; DNC—Services Corporation, 8/25/00, \$1,000; California Victory 2000, 9/25/00, \$5,000; Democratic Foundation of Orange County, 5/7/01, \$1,000; Committee to Re-Elect Loretta Sanchez, 6/18/01, \$1,000; Committee to Re-Elect Loretta Sanchez, 12/4/01, \$1,000; Friends of Barbara Boxer, 7/2/02, \$2,000; Senate Victory committee, 9/17/02, \$10,000; includes DSCC, 9/17/02, \$9,000; Citizens for Harkin, 9/17/02, \$1,000.

6. Brothers and spouses, Lucy Steinberg, sister-in-law.

Donee, date, amount:

DNC—Services Corporation, 8/17/00, \$10,000.

6. Brothers and spouses (cont.), Lucy Steinberg, sister-in-law, as below.

Donee, date, amount:

DNC—Non Federal Individual, 8/17/00, \$22,500; DNC Services Corporation, 8/17/00, \$10,000; California Victory 2000, 12/5/00, \$5,000; DSCC, 12/5/00, \$5,000; Committee to Re-Elect Loretta Sanchez, 8/02/01, \$1,000.

7. Sisters and spouses, none.

Constance Albanese Morella, of Maryland, to be Representative of the United States of America to the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, with the rank of Ambassador.

The following is a list of all members of my immediate family and their spouses. I have asked each of these persons to inform me of the pertinent contributions made by them. To the best of my knowledge, the information contained in the report is complete and accurate.

Nominee: Constance A. Morella.